

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed April 6, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-25 and 28-40 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 33, 34, and 35 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 27 and intervening claim 26. Claims 33, 34, and 35 have each been rewritten in independent form including base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Claims 28-32 are amended to depend directly from independent claim 1. Claims 11, 12, 28, 29 and 37 are each amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 26, 27, and 41 are canceled without prejudice.

Objections to Specification

The Examiner objected to the disclosure and provided suggested changes to claims 28 and 29 to make the claims consistent with the specification, in particular paragraph 0041 of the specification. Claims 28 and 29 are amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, the objection to the disclosure should now be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27, 33, 34, and 35 were found to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 27 and intervening claim 26. Furthermore, claims 33, 34, and 35 have each been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 33, 34, and 35 are now deemed to be allowable.

Dependent claims 2-25, 28-32, and 36-40, each being dependent on independent claim 1, are allowable for the same reasons as is independent claim 1, as well as for the additional limitations contained therein.


A check including the amount \$100.00 is enclosed in payment for the addition of 1 new independent claim in excess of three.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any additional fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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